

# American Legion-So. California Baseball Tourney Opening

## SLAVS VS. ARCADIA TO START ANNUAL TORRANCE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

The 6th Annual Torrance Tournament for the 1947 Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball championship will open tomorrow night when the first ball is thrown out by Miss Carlotta Dean, "Miss Torrance of 1947," at the Torrance ball park.

### Torrance Roster For Tournament Here Released

The complete roster of the Torrance Signal Oilers for the Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament starting tomorrow night was released this week by Art Swartz, Oilers manager.

A few changes in the regular starting line has been made, according to Swartz, and several new players have been added. Local fans will be pleased to know that the popular Rosie Gilhausen, former Oiler outfielder and recently resigned manager of the Idaho Falls club in the Pioneer league, will be coach for the locals. Rosie will not be allowed to play in the tournament, however, as he was acquired too late to be placed on the roster.

The starting infield will place Dale Coogan, young All-City star from Washington high at first base; Bob McNamara, long-time Oiler regular on the keystone sack; fast-moving young Don Malhot at short-stop; and Ed Roberts, the hard-hitting infielder who has been with the Oilers for the past several months, at third.

The outfield will be composed of Ed Downs, formerly of Pasadena, in left; Lane Shanks, who is the leading hitter for the Oilers at present, in center, and Doug Wheeler, another slugging star, in right.

The pitching staff will include the old master, Archie Campbell; Fred Harris, regular fire ball right-hander; Tom Kipp, a south-paw from the Southland and Andrew "Pulman" Pppter, stellar colored hurler under contract to the Montreal nine in the International league.

Manager Swartz will start behind the plate, with Swayne Johnson, popular Torrance policeman, standing by to relieve him. Johnson also will be used in the outfield.

Swartz also announced the acquisition of Jess Cox, formerly of the Pasadena club, who will be a utility player as will young Lou Briganti, former U.C.L.A. diamondeer from Torrance.

#### DRAKE LANDING

The exact place where Sir Francis Drake landed on the California coast in 1579 will remain forever uncertain, though its location can be placed in Marin County, says a University of California anthropologist.

#### STRIPED BASS

Striped bass fishing was slightly better last week in the waters of Contra Costa County. Trollers off Rodeo and Lower Carquinez Straits brought in a number of bass.

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BASEBALL BEAUTY... Carlotta Dean, "Miss Torrance of 1947," takes on a new title tomorrow night as Queen of the Torrance Tournament, when she throws out the first ball in the 1947 Chapter of the annual Southern California Semi-Pro event. She will be assisted by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey and D. A. "Spud" Murphy, newly elected commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion, who are sponsoring the tournament. (Torrance Herald Photo).

### City May Get School Aid On Playground

Torrance schools will assist the City Recreation Department in the operation of its playground program at Fern Avenue park, it was decided by the Torrance City Board of Education Tuesday night. The Board agreed to provide a man for six hours a day, five days a week, to assist in maintenance of the park and in carrying out the many activities of the recreation department there. The offer, however, was conditioned upon the completion of the installation of sanitary facilities in the park by the city, and upon removal of the weeds and grading of the grounds.

The property belongs to the Torrance City School District, having been saved from sale by the lawsuit brought against Los Angeles City Schools which resulted in the saving of the 11 bungalows on local school grounds. Also preserved was the 15.85 acre farm site in North Torrance formerly used by Gardena High school.

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## Oilers Forfeit Game Following Row With Umpire In Police Tilt

The umpire momentarily had the best of an argument in the baseball game Sunday afternoon at Torrance park between the Torrance Signal Oilers and the Los Angeles Police, when in the seventh inning with the score tied 7-7, Oiler Manager Art Swartz was booted from the game by the arbitrator and when Swartz did not leave the ball park within one minute, the umpire declared the game forfeited to the Police nine.

The incident started when, after a rally by the local nine had tied the score, Swartz came out to protest Police hurler Vic Penney's stance on the mound, claiming that Penney was standing on the side of the rubber, the ruling stating that a pitcher must be on or in front of the rubber and in contact with it at all times. After a mild argument with the umpire, Swartz won his point, but the arbitrator did not like the manager's attitude, so ordered him from the field, giving him one minute, to leave the park. Swartz stated he could not leave the park in that time, and the umpire declared the game forfeited.

Swartz protested the decision at the Association meeting Monday night, and the group agreed that the umpire had acted hastily in booting the Oiler pilot, although within his rights.

The popular local manager stated that as he is concerned, it is no contest.

Previous to the seventh inning row, the Oilers had jumped off to a six-run lead and held it to the seventh when the Police gang came back to take a one-run lead.

Lane Shanks had just scored the tying run in the seventh when the trouble started, so it was anybody's ball game. Shanks had a perfect day at the plate, grabbing four hits in

four trips to the plate, including a home run in the third frame.

The Swartz Juniors won their third straight victory from the Alhambra club in the first game, with a third inning four-run rally, 4-2. Paul Pettit hurled three innings for the juniors, giving up two runs off one hit and two walks.

No game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon due to the tournament game slated Sunday night. Swartz has planned a game for the juniors with an opponent at Hermosa Beach.

Line scores:  
Alhambra..... 002 0-2 2 2  
Swartz Juniors..... 004 X-4 1 2  
Seska, Eastrom and Myers; Pettit, Farlan and Adelson. L. Swartz. Game called, time limit.

L. A. Police..... 000 002 4-7 9 1  
Signal Oilers..... 101 130 1-7 11 1  
Penney and Arroyo; Campbell, Shanks and A. Swartz, Adelson.

#### WATCH KIDS

School's out, watch out. The National Safety Council reports that among children in the 5-14 age group killed or injured in traffic, one out of six was coming from behind a parked car, and one out of four was playing in the roadway.

#### FLY FISHING GOOD

Fly fishermen are enjoying first-rate sport along Silver Creek and the South fork of the American River in El Dorado County. All streams in this county are at just about the right level for fly fishing.

#### PASSING PARKED CARS

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#### OUTBOARD BOAT REGATTA

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- Friday, July 18th—Jugoslav-Americans vs. Arcadia
- Saturday, July 19th—Alloy Diecraft vs. Wilmington Athletic Club
- Sunday, July 20th—Inglewood vs. South Bay Legion
- Monday, July 21st—Signal Oilers vs. Los Angeles Police
- Tuesday, July 22nd—House of Riley vs. Huntington Park Robins
- Wednesday, July 23rd—Long Beach Rockets vs. Padre Juniors
- Thursday, July 24th—Burke's Giants vs. Kelman Electric
- Friday, July 25th—Montebello Dodgers vs. Dedeaux Trojans

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